

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Currently Amended): A data processing apparatus connectable to a LAN, comprising:

a receiver, adapted to receive image data sent by a sender, said data processing apparatus being set by the sender as a destination of the image data;

a storage unit, adapted to store the image data received by said receiver;

a printer, adapted to print an image based on the image data received by said receiver;

an identification unit, adapted to obtain user information about a user for whom the image data received by said receiver was received;

a transfer unit, adapted to transfer the image data received by said receiver to be printed by said printer from said data processing apparatus to a terminal connected to the LAN through the LAN when it is impossible to store the image data in said storage unit without printing the image based on the image data received by said receiver by said printer;

a generation unit, adapted to generate a predetermined notification, based on the user information obtained by said identification unit, to notify the user that the image data has been transferred by said transfer unit from the destination to another destination, the notification including information indicating the terminal to which the image data is transferred by said transfer unit; and

a sending unit, adapted to send the predetermined notification generated by said generation unit to the user corresponding to the user information obtained by said identification unit as mail.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented): A data processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said storage unit is adapted to store information used to discriminate to which terminal the data is transferred by said transfer unit.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented): A data processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said transfer unit transfers the data received by said receiver when a printer for printing the data is in an error state.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended): A method of controlling a data processing apparatus connectable to a LAN, comprising the steps of:

receiving image data sent by a sender, the data processing apparatus being set by the sender as a destination of the image data;

storing the image data received in said receiving step in a storage unit;

printing an image based on the image data received in said receiving step;

obtaining user information about a user for whom the image data received in said receiving step was received;

transferring the image data received in said receiving step to be printed in said printing step from the data processing apparatus to a terminal connected to the LAN through the LAN when it is impossible to store the image data in the storage unit without printing the image based on the image data received in said receiving step;

generating a predetermined notification, based on the user information obtained in said obtaining step, to notify the user that the image data has been transferred in said transferring step from the destination to another destination, the notification including information indicating the terminal to which the image data is transferred in said transferring step; and

sending the predetermined notification generated in said generating step to the user corresponding to the user information obtained in said obtaining step as mail.

Claim 27. (Canceled)

Claim 28. (Currently Amended): A data processing apparatus connected to a LAN, comprising:

a receiver, adapted to receive image data through a communication line from a sender, said data processing apparatus being set by the sender as a destination of the image data;

a storage unit, adapted to store the image data received by said receiver;

a printer, adapted to print an image based on the image data received by said receiver;

a transfer unit, adapted to transfer the image data stored in said storage unit to be printed by said printer from said data processing apparatus to a terminal connected to the LAN through the LAN in a case where a predetermined condition is satisfied without printing the image based on the image data received by said receiver by said printer; and

a sending unit, adapted to send a report mail indicating that the image data received by said receiver was transferred by said transfer unit from the destination to another destination.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, further comprising a printer adapted to print an image based on the data received by said receiver, wherein said transfer unit transfers the data in a case where said printer is in an error state.

Claim 30. (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said transfer unit transfers the data received by said receiver in a case where said storage unit is in a full state.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said transfer unit transfers the data in accordance with an internet protocol.

Claim 32. (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said transfer unit transfers the data in accordance with a TCP/IP protocol.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented): The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said transfer unit selects the data to be transferred in accordance with a priority.

Claim 34. (Currently Amended): A method of operating a data processing apparatus connectable to a LAN, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving image data through a communication line from a sender, the data processing apparatus being set by the sender as a destination of the image data;

storing the image data received in said receiving step in a storage unit;

printing an image based on the image data received in said receiving step;

transferring the image data stored in said storing step to be printed in said printing step from the data processing apparatus to a terminal connected to the LAN through the LAN in a case where a predetermined condition is satisfied without printing the image based on the image data received in said receiving step; and

sending a report mail indicating that the image data received in said receiving step was transferred in said transfer step from the destination to another destination.